

MPI CHRISTMAS BLESSING



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Dear friend of MPI:

Every year since 1993, MPI has devoted time, energy and funding to give a special gift to pastors and full time workers in Ukraine each Christmas.

From the beginning, we have dubbed this annual custom our “Christmas Blessing”. We have always tried to give a gift that pastors would appreciate and one that most could never afford. For most of the years we have given books—Bibles at first (when Bibles were scarce) and then study books which pastors need to prepare sermons, deal with issues in the church and for their own personal devotions.

Christmas time in Canada is something most of us look forward to with anticipation and excitement. Talking with pastors from our visits over the years, I can tell you that the gifts given through MPI are something they treasure and look forward to—each and every year! It helps make Christmas for every one of them ‘extra special’.

Last year when the pastors saw the book we handed out, we noticed several ‘whispers of anticipation’ which told us they couldn’t wait to get home and read the devotional book being distributed. The testimonies from the pastors (on reverse side) tell the story of how they’ve been blessed year after year by the MPI Christmas Blessing campaign.

In addition to the devotional book we hand out, they are also blessed by the pens and day timers given—especially when few can afford computers to help stay organized! Whenever plans are being made, appointments scheduled or coming events discussed, the first thing they reach for is their day timer and pen!

Last year, MPI gave out over 250 Christmas Blessing packets to Ukrainian pastors!

This year, with your help, we want to do even more. This year’s Christmas Blessing pack for pastors will contain a 2011 day timer, a good quality labelled pen, and a theology study book specifically for pastors—in Russian. All of which will be presented in a large zippered multi-use bag as our Christmas gift to pastors!

Right now, most of us are getting ready for Thanksgiving. But we’re writing you early about our Christmas Blessing campaign—simply because we need to gather **all the funds now** in time to place our order and assemble everything in plenty of time for early December.

You can make a difference in a pastor’s life and, in turn, bless an entire congregation with your gift of one, two, five or more Christmas Blessing packets. Please take a moment to prayerfully consider what you can do—and then complete the enclosed response coupon with your gift to MPI. Thanks in advance for your loving concern for pastors and their congregations in the Ukraine!

Sincerely in Christ,

Ron Garrison
Founder and Executive Director



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Words of thanks from Ukrainian Pastors from last year's **CHRISTMAS BLESSING GIFT PACKS**



PASTOR SERGEI

"It is impossible to overestimate this book. I have used it for personal edification, during fasts, for prayer with my family and preaching in the church. This book is full of truth and living examples of practical Christian life. It explains the root of words from the original Bible text and helps to go deeper in understanding the true meaning of the scriptures."

PASTOR VASILY

"I looked through it thinking how I could use it in my ministry. Then I started studying it every day and was completely consumed by it. I used it to prepare sermons. I also lent it to another pastor who used it for checking Greek words for his sermons. My wife used it to prepare for home group meetings. This book is very relevant, very easy to use, rich and gives exact meanings of the Greek words in the Bible."



PASTOR ALEXANDER

"I used the book to prepare my sermons and for family devotions. The material presented is in short form but is of the essence. It gives simple and relevant examples of Christian life and ministry. I enjoyed the questions at the end of each chapter. They help to examine my life and correct it if there is a need."



PASTOR ANATOLY

"Even though I didn't read it every day, I read it very often. My wife and son used it too. It helped me as a reference book for home group meetings and sermons. Often getting ready for a sermon, I found in the book very interesting information that made my sermon more consistent and rich in content. This book explains the matter in a very interesting and unique way."



PASTOR IGOR

"I used it as a daily devotional but my wife used it most of the time. I also used it for deeper study of the Bible and for preparing sermons due to the Greek word translations. The tasks at the end of each chapter challenged me to study more about God and change my life. This book is very practical and full of life applications."



PASTOR MIKHAIL

"I read the book during my morning devotions. Some of the things that I read I used in my sermons. The words translated from the Greek revealed the Word of God deeper and helped me present my message in a simple and easy to listen way. I really enjoyed how the author presented themes. They are short yet meaningful and easy to understand."

